

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of July 9, 2007. Upon entry of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above referenced application. Claims 7, 9, and 16-19 remain in the application. Claims 7 and 16 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the original specification, claims and/or figures. In this regard, no new matter has been introduced.

Claim Rejections

Claims 7, 9, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (*Yamamoto*) JP Publication 2002-236527 in view of U.S. Patent #6,333,650 issued to Amin et al. (*Amin*). In response, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 16.

In contradistinction to *Yamamoto* and *Amin*, claim 7, as amended, includes:

the sequencer engine to prevent the power supply from changing states until voltage regulator controller outputs are stable.

Yamamoto and *Amin* contain no teaching or suggestion of preventing a power supply from changing states until voltage regulator controller outputs are stable. In fact, *Amin* teaches away from claim 7 by showing in Fig. 1 that Decision Logic 129 has no interface with (and therefore no control over) Main Power Source 130. Therefore, since neither *Yamamoto* nor *Amin* teach all the elements of claim 7, no combination of *Yamamoto* and *Amin* can render obvious this claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103(a) rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn. Applicant notes that independent claim 16 also contain the elements of claim 7 and is also patentable for at least the reasons presented above in reference to claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103(a) rejection of claim 16 be withdrawn.

Applicant notes that claims 9 and 17-19 depend from patentable base claims 7 and 16 (respectively), and are therefore patentable at least based upon their dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the §103(a) rejection of claims 9 and 17-19 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing arguments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 9, and 16-19 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 503-712-1610 if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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